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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, RP

SUBJECT: THREATS TO PHILIPPINE EMBASSY (LECHOCO CASE)

1. PHILIPPINE EMBASSY RECEIVED THREE THREATENING STATEMENTS JULY 9 CONNECTED TO LECHOCO CASE. AT NOON THE TELEPHONE OPERATOR WAS APPROACHED ON THE STREET BY A FILIPINO MALE WHO TOLD HER THAT "IF LECHOCO GOES TO JAIL YOU HAD BETTER WATCH OUT FOR THE AMBASSADOR." AT ABOUT 1:30 AND AT 2:00 PHONE CALLS WERE MADE SAYING THAT "IF LECHOCO GOES TO JAIL SOMEONE IN THE EMBASSY WILL DIE."

2. THE FBI, JUSTICE, AND THE SECRET SERVICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. THE EPS HAS INCREASED ITS SURVEILLANCE FORCE. JUSTICE HAS ADVISED LECHOCO'S ATTORNEY, AND THE JUDGE WHO MAY HOLD A HEARING JULY 10.

3. WE HAVE CALLED THE EMBASSY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO PROMISE ANY NECESSARY PROTECTION. AT THAT TIME MINISTER BELISARIO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE BUT

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SAID THAT HE DID NOT SEE WHY LECHOCO HAD BEEN RELEASED AFTER

HIS CONVICTION. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT LECHOCO HAD YESTERDAY OBTAINED, THROUGH AN INTERMEDIARY, AUTHENTICATION OF HIS SIGNATURE ON A DOCUMENT FOR THE SALE OF SOME PROPERTY IN THE PHILIPPINES HOWEVER, IN THE PROCESS LECHOCO HAD ONCE INDICATED HE FELT HE WAS BEING GIVEN A HARD TIME BY THE EMBASSY BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT.

4. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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